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Art Unit: 1644
Examiner: P. Nolan
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 10/055,259 filed October 26, 2001
Inventors: Jens J. HOLST *et al.*
Title: GLP-1 as a Diagnostic Test to Determine β -Cell Function and the
Presence of the Condition of IGT and Type II Diabetes
Atty Dkt.: 18528.624

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 and Response to Quayle Action; and
2. Return postcard.

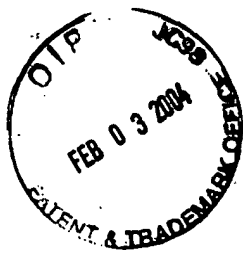
It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those provided herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 18528.624. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures



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In re application of:

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In response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2003, applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered in the above-identified application.